

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) An apparatus that optimizes the output speed and the replenishment of consumable media in a digital photographic kiosk, comprising:

a first output print device with consumable media;

a second output print device with consumable media; and

a system controller that controls the utilization of consumable media of said first output print device and said second output print device, said system controller further comprising executable computer instructions to: [[;]]

~~wherein said system controller (i) initially causes~~ cause a disproportionate amount of utilization of consumable media to be produced from said second output print device compared to said first output print device, and to continue the disproportionate amount of utilization of consumable media from said second output print device ~~continues~~ until the amount of consumable media of said first output print device is in a first preferred ratio compared to the amount of consumable media in said second output print device;

(ii) in response to achieving [when] said first preferred ratio ~~is achieved~~ between the consumable media of said first output print device and said second output print device, ~~said system controller alternates~~ alternate utilization of consumable media between said first output print device and said second output print device until said second output print device exhausts its consumable media;

(iii) in response to [upon] replenishment of the consumable media of said second output print device, ~~said system controller causes~~ cause a disproportionate amount of utilization of consumable media to be produced from said second output print device compared to said first output print device, and to continue the disproportionate amount of utilization of consumable media ~~continues~~ until the amount of consumable media of said second output print device is in a second preferred ratio compared to the amount of consumable media in said first output print device;

(iv) in response to achieving [when] said second preferred ratio ~~is achieved~~ between the consumable media of said second output print device and said first output print device, ~~said system controller alternates~~ alternate utilization of consumable media between said second output print device and said first output print device until said first output print device exhausts its consumable media;

(v) in response to [upon] replenishment of the consumable media of said first output print device, ~~said system controller causes~~ cause a disproportionate amount of utilization of consumable media to be produced from said first output print device compared to said second output print device, and to continue the disproportionate amount of utilization of consumable media ~~continues~~ until the amount of consumable media of said first output print device is in said first preferred ratio compared to the amount of consumable media in said second output print device;

~~when said first preferred ratio is achieved between the consumable media of said first output print device and said second output print device, said system controller alternates utilization of consumable media between said first output print device and said~~

~~second output print device until said second output print device exhausts its consumable media; and~~

(vi) ~~said system controller maintains~~ maintain continued utilization of consumable media ~~in the above alternating process by repeating functions (ii) through~~ (v).

2. (Currently amended) A system that optimizes the output speed and the replenishment of consumable media in a digital photographic kiosk, comprising:

a digital photographic kiosk that further comprises:

a first output print device with consumable media;

a second output print device with consumable media; and

a system controller that controls the utilization of consumable media of said first output print device and said second output print device, said system controller further comprising executable computer instructions to:[[:]]

~~wherein said system controller (i) initially causes~~ cause a disproportionate amount of utilization of consumable media to be produced from said second output print device compared to said first output print device, and to continue the disproportionate amount of utilization of consumable media from said second output print device ~~continues~~ until the amount of consumable media of said first output print device is in a first preferred ratio compared to the amount of consumable media in said second output print device;

(ii) in response to achieving [when] said first preferred ratio ~~is achieved~~ between the consumable media of said first output print device and said second output print device, ~~said system controller alternates~~ alternate utilization of consumable media between said first output print device and said second output print device until said second output print device exhausts its consumable media;

(iii) in response to [upon] replenishment of the consumable media of said second output print device, ~~said system controller causes~~ cause a disproportionate amount of utilization of consumable media to be produced from said second output print device compared to said first output print device, and to continue the disproportionate amount of utilization of consumable media ~~continues~~ until the amount of consumable media of said second output print device is in a second preferred ratio compared to the amount of consumable media in said first output print device;

(iv) in response to achieving [when] said second preferred ratio ~~is achieved~~ between the consumable media of said second output print device and said first output print device, ~~said system controller alternates~~ alternate utilization of consumable media between said second output print device and said first output print device until said first output print device exhausts its consumable media;

(v) in response to [upon] replenishment of the consumable media of said first output print device, ~~said system controller causes~~ cause a disproportionate amount of utilization of consumable media to be produced from said first output print device compared to said second output print device, and to continue the disproportionate amount of utilization of consumable media ~~continues~~ until the amount of consumable media of

said first output print device is in said first preferred ratio compared to the amount of consumable media in said second output print device;

~~when said first preferred ratio is achieved between the consumable media of said first output print device and said second output print device, said system controller alternates utilization of consumable media between said first output print device and said second output print device until said second output print device exhausts its consumable media; and~~

(vi) ~~said system controller maintains~~ maintain continued utilization of consumable media ~~in the above alternating process by repeating functions (ii) through (v).~~

3. (Currently amended) A method ~~to make~~ of making a digital photographic kiosk that optimizes the output speed and the replenishment of consumable media, comprising:

providing a first output print device with consumable media;

providing a second output print device with consumable media; and

providing a system controller that controls the utilization of consumable media of said first output print device and said second output print device~~[[;]]~~ , said system controller further comprising executable computer instructions to:

~~wherein said system controller (i) initially causes~~ cause a disproportionate amount of utilization of consumable media to be produced from said second output print device compared to said first output print device, and to continue the disproportionate amount of

utilization of consumable media from said second output print device ~~continues~~ until the amount of consumable media of said first output print device is in a first preferred ratio compared to the amount of consumable media in said second output print device;

(ii) in response to achieving [when] said first preferred ratio ~~is achieved~~ between the consumable media of said first output print device and said second output print device, ~~said system controller alternates~~ alternate utilization of consumable media between said first output print device and said second output print device until said second output print device exhausts its consumable media;

(iii) in response to [upon] replenishment of the consumable media of said second output print device, ~~said system controller causes~~ cause a disproportionate amount of utilization of consumable media to be produced from said second output print device compared to said first output print device, and to continue the disproportionate amount of utilization of consumable media ~~continues~~ until the amount of consumable media of said second output print device is in a second preferred ratio compared to the amount of consumable media in said first output print device;

(iv) in response to achieving [when] said second preferred ratio ~~is achieved~~ between the consumable media of said second output print device and said first output print device, ~~said system controller alternates~~ alternate utilization of consumable media between said second output print device and said first output print device until said first output print device exhausts its consumable media;

(v) in response to [upon] replenishment of the consumable media of said first output print device, ~~said system controller causes~~ cause a disproportionate amount of utilization of consumable media to be produced from said first output print device compared to said second output print device, and to continue the disproportionate amount of utilization of consumable media ~~continues~~ until the amount of consumable media of said first output print device is in said first preferred ratio compared to the amount of consumable media in said second output print device;

~~when said first preferred ratio is achieved between the consumable media of said first output print device and said second output print device, said system controller alternates utilization of consumable media between said first output print device and said second output print device until said second output print device exhausts its consumable media; and~~

~~(vi) said system controller maintains~~ maintain continued utilization of consumable media ~~in the above alternating process by repeating steps (ii) through (v).~~

4. (Currently amended) A method ~~to use~~ of using a digital photographic kiosk ~~that optimizes~~ to optimize the output speed and the replenishment of consumable media, comprising:

using consumable media with a first output print device;

using consumable media with a second output print device; and

controlling the utilization of consumable media of said first output print device and said second output print device with a system controller[[;]], said controlling step further comprising:

~~wherein said system controller~~ (i) initially ~~causes~~ causing a disproportionate amount of utilization of consumable media to be produced from said second output print device compared to said first output print device, and continuing the disproportionate amount of utilization of consumable media from said second output print device ~~continues~~ until the amount of consumable media of said first output print device is in a first preferred ratio compared to the amount of consumable media in said second output print device;

(ii) in response to achieving [when] said first preferred ratio ~~is achieved~~ between the consumable media of said first output print device and said second output print device, ~~said system controller alternates~~ alternating utilization of consumable media between said first output print device and said second output print device until said second output print device exhausts its consumable media;

(iii) in response to [upon] replenishment of the consumable media of said second output print device, ~~said system controller causes~~ causing a disproportionate amount of utilization of consumable media to be produced from said second output print device compared to said first output print device, and continuing the disproportionate amount of utilization of consumable media ~~continues~~ until the amount of consumable media of said second output print device is in a second preferred ratio compared to the amount of consumable media in said first output print device;

_____ (iv) in response to achieving [when] said second preferred ratio is achieved between the consumable media of said second output print device and said first output print device, ~~said system controller alternates~~ alternating utilization of consumable media between said second output print device and said first output print device until said first output print device exhausts its consumable media;

_____ (v) in response to [upon] replenishment of the consumable media of said first output print device, ~~said system controller causes~~ causing a disproportionate amount of utilization of consumable media to be produced from said first output print device compared to said second output print device, and continuing the disproportionate amount of utilization of consumable media ~~continues~~ until the amount of consumable media of said first output print device is in said first preferred ratio compared to the amount of consumable media in said second output print device;

~~when said first preferred ratio is achieved between the consumable media of said first output print device and said second output print device, said system controller alternates utilization of consumable media between said first output print device and said second output print device until said second output print device exhausts its consumable media; and~~

_____ (vi) said system controller maintains maintaining continued utilization of consumable media ~~in the above alternating process~~ by repeating steps (ii) through (v);

replenishing consumable media in said second output print device after each occurrence of said second output print device exhausting its consumable media; and

replenishing consumable media in said first output print device after each occurrence of said first output print device exhausting its consumable media.

5. (Currently amended) A program storage device readable by a computer that tangibly embodies a program of instructions ~~executable~~ that when executed by the computer [to] perform a method ~~to use~~ of using a digital photographic kiosk ~~that optimizes~~ to optimize the output speed and the replenishment of consumable media, the method comprising:

using consumable media with a first output print device;

using consumable media with a second output print device; and

controlling the utilization of consumable media of said first output print device and said second output print device with a system controller[[:]], said controlling step further comprising:

~~wherein said system controller~~ (i) initially ~~causes~~ causing a disproportionate amount of utilization of consumable media to be produced from said second output print device compared to said first output print device, and continuing the disproportionate amount of utilization of consumable media from said second output print device ~~continues~~ until the amount of consumable media of said first output print device is in a first preferred ratio compared to the amount of consumable media in said second output print device;

_____ (ii) in response to achieving [when] said first preferred ratio ~~is achieved~~ between the consumable media of said first output print device and said second output print device, ~~said system controller alternates~~ alternating utilization of consumable media between said first output print device and said second output print device until said second output print device exhausts its consumable media;

_____ (iii) in response to [upon] replenishment of the consumable media of said second output print device, ~~said system controller causes~~ causing a disproportionate amount of utilization of consumable media to be produced from said second output print device compared to said first output print device, and continuing the disproportionate amount of utilization of consumable media ~~continues~~ until the amount of consumable media of said second output print device is in a second preferred ratio compared to the amount of consumable media in said first output print device;

_____ (iv) in response to achieving [when] said second preferred ratio ~~is achieved~~ between the consumable media of said second output print device and said first output print device, ~~said system controller alternates~~ alternating utilization of consumable media between said second output print device and said first output print device until said first output print device exhausts its consumable media;

_____ (v) in response to [upon] replenishment of the consumable media of said first output print device, ~~said system controller causes~~ causing a disproportionate amount of utilization of consumable media to be produced from said first output print device compared to said second output print device, and continuing the disproportionate amount of utilization of consumable media ~~continues~~ until the amount of consumable media of

said first output print device is in said first preferred ratio compared to the amount of consumable media in said second output print device;

~~when said first preferred ratio is achieved between the consumable media of said first output print device and said second output print device, said system controller alternates utilization of consumable media between said first output print device and said second output print device until said second output print device exhausts its consumable media; and~~

~~_____ (vi) said system controller maintains~~ maintaining continued utilization of consumable media ~~in the above alternating process by repeating steps (ii) through (v).~~

6. (Original) A dependent claim according to claims 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 wherein said first preferred ratio occurs when the amount of consumable media of said first output print device minus the amount of consumable media of said second output print device equals half the amount of consumable media available when said first output print device and said second output print device are both full of consumable media.

7. (Original) A dependent claim according to claims 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 wherein said second preferred ratio occurs when the amount of consumable media of said second output print device minus the amount of consumable media of said first output print device equals

half the amount of consumable media available when said second output print device and said first output print device are both full of consumable media.

8. (Currently amended) A dependent claim according to claims 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 wherein said first output print device or said second output print device further comprises a dye sublimation printer and ~~where~~ wherein the consumable media further comprises dye transfer ribbons, paper, and protective overcoat laminate.

9. (Currently amended) A dependent claim according to claims 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 wherein said first output print device or said second output print device further comprises an inkjet printer and ~~where~~ wherein the consumable media further comprises inkjet print cartridges and paper.

10. (Currently amended) A dependent claim according to claims 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 wherein said first output print device further comprises a first logical output print device and said second output print device further comprises a second logical output print device, said first logical output print device further ~~comprises~~ comprising one or more physical output print devices, and said second logical output print device further ~~comprises~~ comprising one or more physical output print devices.

11. (Currently amended) An apparatus that optimizes the output speed and the replenishment of consumable media in a digital photographic kiosk, comprising:

a first output print device with consumable media;

a second output print device with consumable media; and

a system controller that controls the utilization of consumable media of said first output print device and said second output print device, said system controller further comprising executable computer instructions to:[[:]]

~~wherein said system controller~~ (i) initially ~~causes~~ cause a disproportionate amount of utilization of consumable media to be produced from said second output print device compared to said first output print device, and to continue the disproportionate amount of utilization of consumable media from said second output print device ~~continues~~ until the amount of consumable media of said first output print device is in a first preferred ratio compared to the amount of consumable media in said second output print device, said first preferred ratio ~~occurs~~ occurring when the amount of consumable media of said first output print device minus the amount of consumable media of said second output print device equals half the amount of consumable media available when said first output print device and said second output print device are both full of consumable media;

(ii) in response to achieving [when] said first preferred ratio ~~is achieved~~ between the consumable media of said first output print device and said second output print device, ~~said system controller alternates~~ alternate utilization of consumable media

between said first output print device and said second output print device until said second output print device exhausts its consumable media;

(iii) in response to [upon] replenishment of the consumable media of said second output print device, ~~said system controller causes~~ cause a disproportionate amount of utilization of consumable media to be produced from said second output print device compared to said first output print device, and to continue the disproportionate amount of utilization of consumable media ~~continues~~ until the amount of consumable media of said second output print device is in a second preferred ratio compared to the amount of consumable media in said first output print device, said second preferred ratio ~~occurs~~ occurring when the amount of consumable media of said second output print device minus the amount of consumable media of said first output print device equals half the amount of consumable media available when said second output print device and said first output print device are both full of consumable media;

(iv) in response to achieving [when] said second preferred ratio ~~is achieved~~ between the consumable media of said second output print device and said first output print device, ~~said system controller alternates~~ alternate utilization of consumable media between said second output print device and said first output print device until said first output print device exhausts its consumable media;

(v) in response to [upon] replenishment of the consumable media of said first output print device, ~~said system controller causes~~ cause a disproportionate amount of utilization of consumable media to be produced from said first output print device compared to said second output print device, and to continue the disproportionate amount

of utilization of consumable media ~~continues~~ until the amount of consumable media of said first output print device is in said first preferred ratio compared to the amount of consumable media in said second output print device;

~~when said first preferred ratio is achieved between the consumable media of said first output print device and said second output print device, said system controller alternates utilization of consumable media between said first output print device and said second output print device until said second output print device exhausts its consumable media; and~~

~~(vi) said system controller maintains~~ maintain continued utilization of consumable media ~~in the above alternating process by repeating functions (ii) through (v).~~

12. (Currently Amended) A system that optimizes the output speed and the replenishment of consumable media in a digital photographic kiosk, comprising:

a digital photographic kiosk that further comprises:

a first output print device with consumable media;

a second output print device with consumable media; and

a system controller that controls the utilization of consumable media of said first output print device and said second output print device, said system controller further comprising executable computer instructions to:[:;]

~~wherein said system controller~~ (i) initially ~~causes~~ cause a disproportionate amount of utilization of consumable media to be produced from said second output print device compared to said first output print device, and to continue the disproportionate amount of utilization of consumable media from said second output print device ~~continues~~ until the amount of consumable media of said first output print device is in a first preferred ratio compared to the amount of consumable media in said second output print device, said first preferred ratio ~~occurs~~ occurring when the amount of consumable media of said first output print device minus the amount of consumable media of said second output print device equals half the amount of consumable media available when said first output print device and said second output print device are both full of consumable media;

(ii) in response to achieving [when] said first preferred ratio ~~is achieved~~ between the consumable media of said first output print device and said second output print device, ~~said system controller alternates~~ alternate utilization of consumable media between said first output print device and said second output print device until said second output print device exhausts its consumable media;

(iii) in response to [upon] replenishment of the consumable media of said second output print device, ~~said system controller causes~~ cause a disproportionate amount of utilization of consumable media to be produced from said second output print device compared to said first output print device, and to continue the disproportionate amount of utilization of consumable media ~~continues~~ until the amount of consumable media of said second output print device is in a second preferred ratio compared to the amount of consumable media in said first output print device, said second preferred ratio occurs

when the amount of consumable media of said second output print device minus the amount of consumable media of said first output print device equals half the amount of consumable media available when said second output print device and said first output print device are both full of consumable media;

(iv) in response to achieving [when] said second preferred ratio ~~is achieved~~ between the consumable media of said second output print device and said first output print device, ~~said system controller alternates~~ alternate utilization of consumable media between said second output print device and said first output print device until said first output print device exhausts its consumable media;

(v) in response to [upon] replenishment of the consumable media of said first output print device, ~~said system controller causes~~ cause a disproportionate amount of utilization of consumable media to be produced from said first output print device compared to said second output print device, and to continue the disproportionate amount of utilization of consumable media continues until the amount of consumable media of said first output print device is in said first preferred ratio compared to the amount of consumable media in said second output print device;

~~when said first preferred ratio is achieved between the consumable media of said first output print device and said second output print device, said system controller alternates utilization of consumable media between said first output print device and said second output print device until said second output print device exhausts its consumable media; and~~

~~(vi) said system controller maintains~~ maintain continued utilization of consumable media ~~in the above alternating process by repeating functions (ii) through (v).~~

13. (Currently amended) A method ~~to make~~ of making a digital photographic kiosk that optimizes the output speed and the replenishment of consumable media, comprising:

providing a first output print device with consumable media;

providing a second output print device with consumable media; and

providing a system controller that controls the utilization of consumable media of said first output print device and said second output print device, said system controller further comprising executable computer instructions to:[::]

~~wherein said system controller (i) initially causes~~ cause a disproportionate amount of utilization of consumable media to be produced from said second output print device compared to said first output print device, and to continue the disproportionate amount of utilization of consumable media from said second output print device ~~continues~~ until the amount of consumable media of said first output print device is in a first preferred ratio compared to the amount of consumable media in said second output print device, said first preferred ratio ~~occurs~~ occurring when the amount of consumable media of said first output print device minus the amount of consumable media of said second output print device equals half the amount of consumable media available when said first output print device and said second output print device are both full of consumable media;

(ii) in response to achieving [when] said first preferred ratio ~~is achieved~~ between the consumable media of said first output print device and said second output print device, ~~said system controller alternates~~ alternate utilization of consumable media between said first output print device and said second output print device until said second output print device exhausts its consumable media;

(iii) in response to [upon] replenishment of the consumable media of said second output print device, ~~said system controller causes~~ cause a disproportionate amount of utilization of consumable media to be produced from said second output print device compared to said first output print device, and to continue the disproportionate amount of utilization of consumable media ~~continues~~ until the amount of consumable media of said second output print device is in a second preferred ratio compared to the amount of consumable media in said first output print device, said second preferred ratio ~~occurs~~ occurring when the amount of consumable media of said second output print device minus the amount of consumable media of said first output print device equals half the amount of consumable media available when said second output print device and said first output print device are both full of consumable media;

(iv) in response to achieving [when] said second preferred ratio ~~is achieved~~ between the consumable media of said second output print device and said first output print device, ~~said system controller alternates~~ alternate utilization of consumable media between said second output print device and said first output print device until said first output print device exhausts its consumable media;

(v) in response to [upon] replenishment of the consumable media of said first output print device, ~~said system controller causes~~ cause a disproportionate amount of utilization of consumable media to be produced from said first output print device compared to said second output print device, and to continue the disproportionate amount of utilization of consumable media ~~continues~~ until the amount of consumable media of said first output print device is in said first preferred ratio compared to the amount of consumable media in said second output print device;

~~when said first preferred ratio is achieved between the consumable media of said first output print device and said second output print device, said system controller alternates utilization of consumable media between said first output print device and said second output print device until said second output print device exhausts its consumable media; and~~

(iv) said system controller maintains maintain continued utilization of consumable media ~~in the above alternating process~~ by repeating steps (ii) through (v).

14. (Currently amended) A method ~~to use~~ of using a digital photographic kiosk ~~that optimizes~~ to optimize the output speed and the replenishment of consumable media, comprising:

using consumable media with a first output print device;

using consumable media with a second output print device; and

controlling the utilization of consumable media of said first output print device and said second output print device with a system controller[[:]], said controlling step further comprising:

~~wherein said system controller~~ (i) initially ~~causes~~ causing a disproportionate amount of utilization of consumable media to be produced from said second output print device compared to said first output print device, and continuing the disproportionate amount of utilization of consumable media from said second output print device ~~continues~~ until the amount of consumable media of said first output print device is in a first preferred ratio compared to the amount of consumable media in said second output print device, said first preferred ratio ~~occurs~~ occurring when the amount of consumable media of said first output print device minus the amount of consumable media of said second output print device equals half the amount of consumable media available when said first output print device and said second output print device are both full of consumable media;

(ii) in response to achieving [when] said first preferred ratio ~~is achieved~~ between the consumable media of said first output print device and said second output print device, ~~said system controller alternates~~ alternating utilization of consumable media between said first output print device and said second output print device until said second output print device exhausts its consumable media;

(iii) in response to [upon] replenishment of the consumable media of said second output print device, ~~said system controller causes~~ causing a disproportionate amount of utilization of consumable media to be produced from said second output print

device compared to said first output print device, and continuing the disproportionate amount of utilization of consumable media ~~continues~~ until the amount of consumable media of said second output print device is in a second preferred ratio compared to the amount of consumable media in said first output print device, said second preferred ratio ~~occurs~~ occurring when the amount of consumable media of said second output print device minus the amount of consumable media of said first output print device equals half the amount of consumable media available when said second output print device and said first output print device are both full of consumable media;

_____ (iv) in response to achieving [when] said second preferred ratio is ~~achieved~~ between the consumable media of said second output print device and said first output print device, ~~said system controller alternates~~ alternating utilization of consumable media between said second output print device and said first output print device until said first output print device exhausts its consumable media;

_____ (v) in response to [upon] replenishment of the consumable media of said first output print device, ~~said system controller causes~~ causing a disproportionate amount of utilization of consumable media to be produced from said first output print device compared to said second output print device, and continuing the disproportionate amount of utilization of consumable media ~~continues~~ until the amount of consumable media of said first output print device is in said first preferred ratio compared to the amount of consumable media in said second output print device;

~~when said first preferred ratio is achieved between the consumable media of said first output print device and said second output print device, said system controller~~

~~alternates utilization of consumable media between said first output print device and said second output print device until said second output print device exhausts its consumable media; and~~

~~_____ (vi) said system controller maintains~~ maintaining continued utilization of consumable media ~~in the above alternating process~~ by repeating steps (ii) through (v);

replenishing consumable media in said second output print device after each occurrence of said second output print device exhausting its consumable media; and

replenishing consumable media in said first output print device after each occurrence of said first output print device exhausting its consumable media.

15. (Currently amended) A program storage device readable by a computer that tangibly embodies a program of instructions ~~executable~~ that when executed by the computer [to] perform a method ~~to use~~ of using a digital photographic kiosk ~~that optimizes~~ to optimize the output speed and the replenishment of consumable media, the method comprising:

using consumable media with a first output print device;

using consumable media with a second output print device; and

controlling the utilization of consumable media of said first output print device and said second output print device with a system controller[[:]] , said controlling step further comprising:

~~wherein said system controller~~ (i) initially ~~causes~~ causing a disproportionate amount of utilization of consumable media to be produced from said second output print device compared to said first output print device, and continuing the disproportionate amount of utilization of consumable media from said second output print device ~~continues~~ until the amount of consumable media of said first output print device is in a first preferred ratio compared to the amount of consumable media in said second output print device, said first preferred ratio ~~occurs~~ occurring when the amount of consumable media of said first output print device minus the amount of consumable media of said second output print device equals half the amount of consumable media available when said first output print device and said second output print device are both full of consumable media;

(ii) in response to achieving [when] said first preferred ratio ~~is achieved~~ between the consumable media of said first output print device and said second output print device, ~~said system controller alternates~~ alternating utilization of consumable media between said first output print device and said second output print device until said second output print device exhausts its consumable media;

(iii) in response to [upon] replenishment of the consumable media of said second output print device, ~~said system controller causes~~ causing a disproportionate amount of utilization of consumable media to be produced from said second output print device compared to said first output print device, and continuing the disproportionate amount of utilization of consumable media ~~continues~~ until the amount of consumable media of said second output print device is in a second preferred ratio compared to the

amount of consumable media in said first output print device, said second preferred ratio ~~occurs~~ occurring when the amount of consumable media of said second output print device minus the amount of consumable media of said first output print device equals half the amount of consumable media available when said second output print device and said first output print device are both full of consumable media;

(iv) in response to achieving [when] said second preferred ratio is ~~achieved~~ between the consumable media of said second output print device and said first output print device, ~~said system controller alternates~~ alternating utilization of consumable media between said second output print device and said first output print device until said first output print device exhausts its consumable media;

(v) in response to [upon] replenishment of the consumable media of said first output print device, ~~said system controller causes~~ causing a disproportionate amount of utilization of consumable media to be produced from said first output print device compared to said second output print device, and continuing the disproportionate amount of utilization of consumable media ~~continues~~ until the amount of consumable media of said first output print device is in said first preferred ratio compared to the amount of consumable media in said second output print device;

~~when said first preferred ratio is achieved between the consumable media of said first output print device and said second output print device, said system controller alternates utilization of consumable media between said first output print device and said second output print device until said second output print device exhausts its consumable media; and~~

~~_____ (vi) said system controller maintains~~ maintaining continued utilization of consumable media ~~in the above alternating process by repeating steps (ii) through (v).~~

16. (Currently amended) A dependent claim according to claims 11, 12, 13, 14, or 15 wherein said first output print device or said second output print device further comprises a dye sublimation printer and ~~where~~ wherein the consumable media further comprises dye transfer ribbons, paper, and protective overcoat laminate.

17. (Currently amended) A dependent claim according to claims 11, 12, 13, 14, or 15 wherein said first output print device or said second output print device further comprises an inkjet printer and ~~where~~ wherein the consumable media further comprises inkjet print cartridges and paper.

18. (Currently amended) A dependent claim according to claims 11, 12, 13, 14, or 15 wherein said first output print device further comprises a first logical output print device and said second output print device further comprises a second logical output print device, said first logical output print device further ~~comprises~~ comprising one or more physical output print devices, and said second logical output print device further ~~comprises~~ comprising one or more physical output print devices.